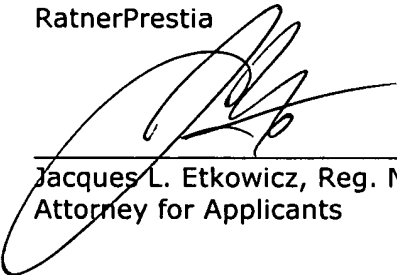


Remarks/Arguments:

Applicants have amended the claims to remove multiple dependencies and have also amended the abstract to place it in U.S. form. No new matter is added. Applicants respectfully request, therefore, that the amendments be entered.

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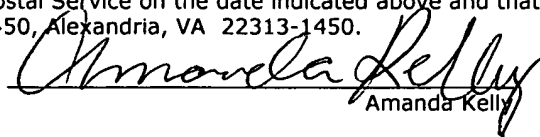
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